

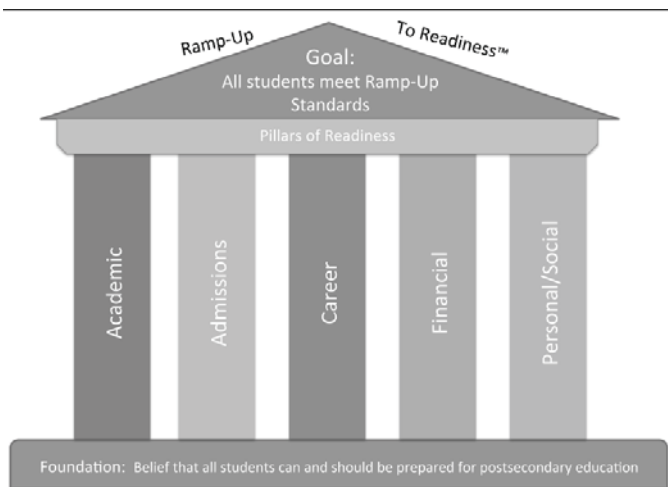
Middle Schools and the U of M partner as we



# Ramp-Up to Readiness

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The District's middle schools have all been accepted into the University of Minnesota's 'Ramp-Up to Readiness™' program. The four schools join 34 other middle and high schools across the state in a pilot program that is a school-wide guidance program to help students in grades 6 through 12 reach academic, admissions, career, financial, and personal and social readiness goals by the end of high school.



Ramp-Up helps students achieve these goals by engaging students in a flexible, dynamic curriculum that will be taught through both advisory periods and also as part of the middle school wheel, depending on the grade level. Lessons provided to the pilot sites include a scope and sequence, and also a rubric that will ensure enhanced and extended student learning in the five areas that meet the needs of students. Each of the five areas (pillars as noted in the graphic with this article) includes a set of standards to work toward as they progress through the curriculum.

In District 833, the efforts of Ramp-Up to Readiness, fit well with both the current use of Naviance™ and also the AVID™ program that is now available in each middle and high school. The heightened awareness, in general, across the state is also driving the decision to embrace the opportunity for our middle schools to embrace the philosophy and support student success.

“Given all of the requirements and challenges that students face in order to experience success in their future endeavors, adopting a systematic middle school-wide approach in District 833 will increase and support college and career readiness for all students no matter what future short-term or long-term path they choose,” said Principal Molly Roeske. “This partnership assists us in our efforts to provide developmentally appropriate content, resources and opportunities for our middle level learners. Our students will greatly benefit from this type of preparation.”

All four middle school principals are planning for a roll-out with representatives from the U of M for their staff on Aug. 27. They believe the opportunity will support the work needed in this area.

Ramp-Up to Readiness™ follows four years of extensive research, review and engagement with secondary schools across the state. This fall's implementation will be followed closely to evaluate the impact of the program on students' postsecondary aspirations, readiness, enrollment and other educational outcomes.

More information about the program, together with a parent component, can be found at: <http://www.rampuptoreadiness.org>

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## What is Ramp-Up to Readiness™?

Ramp-Up to Readiness™ is a school-wide guidance program designed to increase the number and diversity of students who graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and habits necessary for success in a high-quality college program.

## Questions?

